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**NEW YORK WING POLICY LETTER 02-04  
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**NEW YORK WING AIRCRAFT USAGE PRIORITIES**

This is to clarify the actual priority of the various missions within CAP, and what takes precedence for the use of our scarce resources when there is a conflict. The following priorities **WILL** be followed without exception. Group Commanders are not authorized to make exceptions to these priorities. Only the Wing Vice Commander, Wing Operations Officer and the Wing Emergency Services Officer are empowered to change the order with which we will deploy our assets. If a Group Commander, Operations Officer or Flight Release Officer has not been briefed on a particular mission that does not empower them to alter these stated priorities without permission.

New York Wing Mission priorities are as follows:

- 1) Actual SAR/DR Flights**
- 2) SAREX/Organized Member Training Events**
- 3) CAP/ROTC Cadet Flying**
- 4) CD/EPIC/NEADS/DEPCAP Missions** (If some of these acronyms are unfamiliar, it is because those not CD-qualified cannot be briefed on "sensitive" missions regardless of rank or current duty.)
- 5) CAPF 5 and 91 Flights**
- 6) Routine Pilot Proficiency Flights and Flight Training**

This is not to imply that we are de-emphasizing CD or DEPCAP missions, but rather, that we are recognizing that we have developing a severe shortage of Pilots, Ground Teams and Mission Coordinators (Incident Commanders) and must step up our training activities to compensate. **NOTHING** should "bump" pre-planned SAREX or organized training events except an actual, legitimate SAR or DR mission. With good planning, conflicts can be almost totally avoided.

The reality here is that SAREXs and other organized training events are planned well in advance, so there should be no surprise conflicts except with actual SAR/DR missions. Same holds true for Cadet flying. Neither is a spur of the moment activity, so conflicts are usually the result of bad planning and worse communications. By publishing a Group training/cadet flying schedule at least 6 weeks in advance, there should be no problem in accommodating **ALL** our missions with the limited resources available.

Group Commanders, please ensure that this directive has the widest distribution possible.

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